

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION  
AT CINCINNATI

IN RE SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS

GENERAL ORDER NO.:  
CIN 12-01

MAGISTRATE JUDGES' GENERAL ORDER  
CONCERNING SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS

To provide for the efficient adjudication of appeals to this Court of decisions of the Commissioner of Social Security under the Social Security Act, it is here **ORDERED** with respect to all such appeals:

1. All prior general orders of the United States Magistrate Judges at Cincinnati with respect to all such cases are hereby **RESCINDED**.
2. The Commissioner shall file and serve an answer and a certified copy of the administrative record, including transcript, within sixty (60) days after service of process.
3. Within forty-five (45) days of service of the answer and administrative record, the plaintiff shall file and serve a "Statement of Errors" upon which plaintiff seeks reversal or remand. This statement shall be organized in the form of a memorandum in support of plaintiff's position and shall also include page references to the administrative record, as well as citations of applicable law. Statements of Error shall present the detail ordinarily expected in a motion for summary judgment.
4. Within thirty (30) days of service of the Statement of Errors, the Commissioner shall file and serve a "Memorandum in Opposition" to plaintiff's Statement of Errors. This memorandum shall be organized in the form of a memorandum in opposition to the plaintiff's position and in support of the Commissioner's decision, and shall also include page references to the administrative record as well as citations of applicable law and supporting authority.

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5. The plaintiff may file and serve a reply memorandum within ten (10) days of service of the Commissioner's Memorandum in Opposition.

6. All cases will be decided on the memoranda and the administrative record, except that the Court reserves the right to hold oral argument, by telephone or otherwise, in any such case.

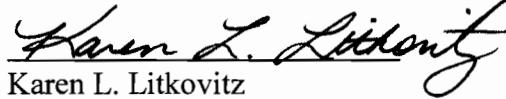
7. In cases decided by the Magistrate Judge upon consent under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), appeals shall be taken as provided by law. In cases in which the Magistrate Judge makes a Report and Recommendation to a District Judge, the time for filing objections shall be the fourteen (14) day period provided by 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), Fed. R. Civ. P. 72, and all other applicable provisions of law.

8. The practice of seeking lengthy (*e.g.*, 30 day) extensions of time to file and serve Statements of Error or Objections on conclusory grounds (*e.g.*, "heavy caseload") is strongly discouraged.

9. This General Order is effective immediately and applies to cases currently pending before the Court.

February 14, 2012

  
Stephanie K. Bowman  
United States Magistrate Judge

  
Karen L. Litkovitz  
United States Magistrate Judge